

# Ranked Choice Voting

## Presidential Primaries

February 1, 2023

# Two Benefits Unique to Presidential Primaries

1. Candidates commonly withdraw. RCV allows the voter's next choice to still count.
  2. Delegates in Vermont are proportional, after a threshold (determined by the party). If your candidate doesn't meet the threshold:
    - a) Less popular candidates will be eliminated, and your candidate might meet the threshold if they receive second-choice votes
- OR
    - b) If your candidate is eliminated, your vote can still go to another candidate you like

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B	18,534	30.17	<b>8</b>
C	11,781	19.18	0
D	5,932	9.66	0
E	2,551	4.15	0
F (withdrawn)	1,106	1.80	0
G (withdrawn)	423	0.69	0
H (withdrawn)	361	0.59	0
I (withdrawn)	212	0.35	0
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B		30.27	<b>6</b>
C		22.18	4
D		14.36	0
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	#	%	
A		<b>32.56</b>	<b>5</b>
B		38.27	<b>7</b>
C		29.54	4
D			0
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B	34,669	21.94	5
C	19,785	12.52	
D	14,828	9.38	
E (withdrawn) <sup>[b]</sup>	3,709	2.35	
F (withdrawn) <sup>[b]</sup>	1,991	1.26	
G	1,303	0.82	
H (withdrawn) <sup>[c]</sup>	591	0.37	
I (withdrawn) <sup>[b]</sup>	202	0.13	
J (withdrawn) <sup>[c]</sup>	137	0.09	
K (withdrawn)	135	0.09	
<i>Other candidates / Write-in</i>	<sup>[i]</sup> 238	0.15	
<i>Overvotes / Blank votes</i>	<sup>[k]</sup> 380	0.24	
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B	34,669	27	4
C	19,785	17	C gets 2 delegates if enough of the transferred votes raise their percentage from 12% to be between 15% and 18%
D	14,828	9.38	
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